Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Barb Mascher will be retiring on December 31, 2010, with 25 years and 8 months of federal service; and,

Whereas, Barb began her career with USDA Rural Development State Office, formerly known as the Farmers Home Administration, as a clerk typist on April 28, 1985, and throughout her career, Barb held the positions of Data Word Processor, System Support Technician, County Office Clerk, District Program Clerk, District Loan Technician, Rural Development Technician, and, most recently, the position of Area Technician based in the Rapid City Area Office; and,

Whereas, Barb worked in the era of stenographer machines, beta players, floppy discs, PC-6300s, typewriters with triple carbon paper, mimeograph machines, and the Unix system, she has acquired a lot of institutional knowledge over the years, and has watched the agency evolve and progress with continued success; and,

Whereas, Barb has distinguished herself as one of the most respected employees in Western South Dakota because of her wide knowledge in the community facility and water and environmental programs; and,

Whereas, Barb is the type to show up early for work every day and usually is the last to leave, doing what it takes to get the job done, is highly respected among her coworkers, and during the past 15 months, has processed over $35 million in stimulus projects; and,

Whereas, Barb enjoys stamping, playing piano, playing Bunco, is a willing volunteer at her church, and retirement will afford her more valuable time with her husband, Vern, and their daughter and son-in-law, Stacie and Ryan, and their two granddaughters, Mariska and Ainslie; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan as Barb's colleagues, family, and friends gather on December 21, 2010, to honor and congratulate her as she officially retires December 31, 2010:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2010, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her colleagues, friends, and family as they recognize Barb for her commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirteenth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State